Retrenchment of workers

†4493. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have enacted any legislation for making retrenchment of the workers easier by the industrialists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this legislation is based on the recommendations of the Labour Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Number of cases pending in labour courts

†4494. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in the labour courts and the industrial tribunal as on December 31, 2000, State-wise;

(b) the factors responsible for delay in settlement of cases;

(c) the number of new cases being registered every year alongwith the percentage increase therein the each State; and

(d) the remedial arrangements made by Governments to expedite the settlement?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (c) Statement showing the number of cases pending as on 31.12.2000 and number of cases being registered during the last five years alongwith percentage increase/decrease.

Name of the CGITS	Cases pending as on 31.12.2000	New Cases registered during the year					Percentage increase/decrease during the year			
		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1997	1998	1999	2000
Asansol	409	44	65	61	164	100	48	(−)6	169	(−)39
Bangalore	515	NA	—	40	112	80	—	—	180	(−)29
Calcutta	200@	40	53	45	53	44@	32	(−)15	18	(−)17
Chandigarh	1787	112	198	268	126	336	77	35	(−)53	167
Dhanbad-I	1539	113	203	115	210	342	80	(−)43	83	63
Dhanbad-II	1364	151	146	245	327	140	(−)3	68	33	(−)57
Jabalpur	1367	216	168	57	NA	198	(−)22	(−)66	—	—
Kanpur	620	156	260	199	399	118	67	(−)23	100	(−)70
Bombay-I	204	52	72	59	66	55	38	(−)18	12	(−)17
Bombay-II	278	50	99	173	228	119	98	78	32	(−)48

		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1997	1998	1999	2000
New Delhi	1087	108	196	227	236	127	81	16	4	(−)46
Jaipur*	125	—	—	45	12	80	—	—	(−)73	567
Nagpur**	294	—	—	—	35	248	—	—	—	609
Lucknow***	213	—	—	—	20	208	—	—	—	940
Chennai#	63	—	—	—	—	89	—	—	—	—
Hyderabad$	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bhubaneswar–	34	—	—	—	—	34	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	10,099	1042	1460	1534	1988	2318				

*Started functioning with effect from 1-9-1998
** -do- 1-7-1999
*** -do- 15-6-1999
# -do- 15-3-2000
$ -do- 20-10-2000
– -do- 5-6-2000
@ as on 31-12-2000

(b) Cases in CGIT-cum-Labour Courts are disposed of after observing procedural formalities and principles of natural justice. Some of the reasons for belated disposal of cases are:

(i) Absence of both applicants and respondents.

(ii) Adjournment sought by parties to file documents.

(iii) Time taken for appointment of Presiding Officers after observing all procedural formalities.

(d) STEPS TAKEN BY THE MINISTRY TO EXPEDITE DISPOSAL OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.

(i) The need to reduce pendency of Industrial Dispute cases in the Central Govt. Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts is also impressed upon the Presiding Officers by taking up the matter with them from time to time.

(ii) Expeditious steps are being taken to fill up the vacant posts of Presiding Officers in the Central Govt. Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts after observing all necessary formalities.

Re-employment to surplus Labourers

†4495. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any programme to re-train and to provide re-employment to the surplus labourers;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide funds from the National Renewal Fund for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) National Renewal Fund (NRF) has ceased to exist, with effect from 31.3.2001. However from 1.4.2001 the Department of Public Enterprises have

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